

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device for injecting solid materials into foods comprising:
 - a hollow sleeve, the sleeve including one or more features connected thereto to permit holding the device in a user's hands;
 - a penetrating tip on one end of the hollow sleeve;
 - the penetrating tip having a first closed position and a second open position with the open position allowing materials within the hollow sleeve to exit the hollow sleeve through the tip;
 - and
 - a piston which longitudinally moves within the hollow sleeve, the piston including a feature connected thereto to permit user operation of the piston by hand;
 - the piston forcing solid materials within the hollow sleeve to move the penetrating tip into the second open position to enable the solid materials to exit through the penetrating tip;
 - a biasing member urging movement of the piston away from proximity with the penetrating tip when the piston is positioned within the sleeve to move the penetrating tip into the second open position.
2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the sleeve features comprise finger holds projecting outwardly therefrom, and the piston feature comprises a flat end, where together the finger holds and flat end permit user movement of the piston within the sleeve by manual pressure.
3. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the penetrating tip comprises a segmented conical point.
4. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the biasing member presses against a conical section within the sleeve.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the sleeve has two different cross sections.
6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the sleeve is divided into at least two separable sections.
7. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the sleeve may be separably divided without use of tools.
8. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the separable sections are connected with screw type threads.
- 9-15. (Canceled)